GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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ASSISTANCE FOR FLOOD AND DROUGHT
SUBODH ROY

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any representation to provide additional Central assistance to tackle flood and drought situation in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): During the year 2001-2002, memoranda on flood and drought were received from the Government of Bihar. However, taking into account the memoranda and report of the Central Teams deputed in Bihar to assess damages in the wake of flood/drought, the High Level Committee of the Government of India decided that inview of the availability of adequate balance in the Calamity Relief Fund(CRF) of theState, no further assistance was admissible from National Calamity Contingency Fund(NCCF). However, Central Government had released 1 lakh M.T. of rice free of cost for undertaking the Food-for-Work-Programme in the flood affected areas.